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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: FENWAY PROJECT, MASS. R-115  
Site Preparation Contract 9A-CDBG - Permission to Award Contract

On March 10, 1976 bids were opened on Site Preparation Contract No. 9A-CDBG in the Fenway Urban Renewal Area. A copy of the Bid Tabulation is attached. The Engineers, Universal Engineering Corp., final estimate was \$933,605.00.

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The lowest responsible bidder was Tricolor Corporation with a bid in the amount of \$799,490.25.

The work consists of the reconstruction of Westland Avenue, St. Stephen Street, Symphony Road, St. Botolph Street, Public Alleys 404, 807, 819, 821, 822 and 901. Also included is the reconstruction of sidewalks, drainage, street lighting, tree plantings and other appurtenant work. The work in this contract is in accordance with the Fenway Urban Renewal Plan.

A check on the company's bank reference (South Shore National Bank) was found to be satisfactory. A further check was also made with other agencies that Tricolor has performed work for, City of Boston Public Facilities Department, Mass. Port Authority and has been prequalified to perform contracts up to \$1,800,000.00 by the Mass. D.P.W., all replies were favorable.

We have conducted an in depth analysis of the bid submissions as per the attached Bid Tabulation Vis-a-Vis the Engineer's Estimate and have determined there are no "abnormally high" or "abnormally low" unit prices in this bid. Although there initially appeared to be certain high and low unit prices, the reanalysis of all the unit prices bid by the nine (9) bidders resulted in favorably comparing Tricolor's unit prices with the average of all the bidders, as opposed to comparing Tricolor's unit prices with our consulting engineer's estimate which was initially approximately 20% off the low bid. Comparing Tricolor's unit prices with the other actual bidders' unit prices indicated there were not the abnormally high and abnormally low prices that were originally thought to exist. This comparison with the average of the other bidders is an appropriate norm, as there was substantial competition for this job.

A further indication that Tricolor's bid did not contain actual highs and lows as originally considered, is that fact using the basis of comparing the unit prices of each of the nine (9) bidders with our original Engineer's Estimate would have resulted in an initial feeling that all of the nine bidders had comparable highs and lows, when in fact this does not exist.

We have also received written assurances from Tricolor Corporation that in the event of any additional quantities required for those items that were originally considered on the high side, the contractor will abide by our lower unit price figures for these additional quantities as included in the original engineer's estimate.

It is, therefore, recommended that Site Preparation Contract No. 9A-CDBG be awarded to Tricolor Corporation, based upon the unit prices and the estimated quantities in the amount of \$799,490.25 to be paid out of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

VOTED: That Site Preparation Contract 9A-CDBG in the Fenway Project, Mass. R-115 be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Tricolor Corporation, based upon the unit prices bid and estimated quantities in the amount of \$799,490.25 and the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract in behalf of the Authority.



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## Tabulation of Bids

### SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT "9-A," FENWAY PROJECT, MASS. R-115

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City Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston, March 10, 1976 at Twelve O'Clock  
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<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>PROPOSED CONTRACT SUM</u>	<u>BID SECURITY CHECK</u>
Tricolor Corp.	\$ 799,490.25	\$ 40,000.00
John McCourt Company	818,257.35	41,000.00
Cicconi Construction Corp.	861,065.00	43,100.00
State Street Engineering Corp.	875,900.00	44,000.00
Coughlan Construction Co.	926,500.00	46,325.00
Frank Frederick Construction Co.	988,260.00	50,000.00
Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc.	1,040,280.00	55,000.00
William P. Capone Corp.	1,135,505.00	56,800.00
R. A. Buccella & Sons, Inc.	1,198,810.50	59,950.00
Engineering estimate-----	933,605.00	



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